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Beach et al.

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR RNA  
INTERFERENCE

Examiner: Karen LaCourciere

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. The last communication filed in this application was a Third Preliminary Amendment submitted to the Patent Office on July 1, 2003.

Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CSHL-P03-010 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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